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In claim 24, line 1, next to "<u>subscriber unit</u>", insert ", in the plurality of subscriber units," ---

In claim 25, line 1, change "the ratio" into --- a ratio ---

In claim 29, line 4, change "may carry" into --- carrying ---

In claim 29, line 5, change "available' into --- unused ---

In claim 29, line 6, change "allocable" into --- allocated ---

In claim 30, lines 3-4, change "each may carry" into --- each carrying ---

In claim 30, line 5, change "available" into --- unused ---

In claim 30, line 6, change "allocable' into --- allocated ---

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-30 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per claims 1-30: the claims are directed to allocating data channels to subscriber units. Within the context of, particularly claims 1, 13, 21, 29 and 30, the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest, identifying all active subscriber units, for which there is data waiting to be transmitted, and calculating priority factors for each subscriber unit, as a function of associated power levels, as recited in the claims mentioned.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably